



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Weekly Newsletter – w.e. 03.05.24

Class attendance this week ...

Nursery	87.40%	Year 3	96.30%
Reception	94.60%	Year 4	88.30%
Year 1	95.30%	Year 5	96.30%
Year 2	96.30%	Year 6	97.30%

Congratulations!
Year 6 have the
best
attendance this
week!



Class attendance this year ...

Nursery	92.20%	Year 3	97.70%
Reception	93.90%	Year 4	94.90%
Year 1	95.60%	Year 5	97.10%
Year 2	96.70%	Year 6	96.50%

Congratulations!
Year 3 have the
best
attendance this
year (so far)!

Class Awards Values & Virtues

Reading

Nursery -	George Delves-Humphries
Reception -	No permission
Year 1 -	Booker Mutare
Year 2 -	Ava Foden
Year 3 -	Callum Lowe
Year 4 -	Gabriela Labuda
Year 5 -	Ben Saunders
Year 6 -	Siena Oakley

Nursery -	Nevaeh Dale
Reception -	Nolan Osunde
Year 1	Jenton Seaman
Year 2 -	Ella Rawlinson
Year 3 -	Emelia-Rae Marsh
Year 4 -	Sebastian Baura
Year 5 -	Oba Eric-Famogun
Year 6 -	Merielle Vitug

Citizenship

Nursery -	Fope Akinyele
Reception -	Harper Nguyen
Year 1 -	Furhaya Akhtar
Year 2 -	Noah Eric-Famogun
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Miryam Yohanis Belay
Year 5 -	Georgia Schwamberger
Year 6 -	Ibrahim Azeez

Most Dojo's



Nursery -	Harper Cummins
Reception -	Prince Igbo
Year 1 -	Aizah Akhtar
Year 2 -	Noah Eric-Famogun
Year 3 -	Ammara Ali
Year 4 -	Richard Osunde
Year 5 -	El-Spencer Affui
Year 6 -	Abigail Williams

Headteacher

Nursery -	No permission
Reception -	Hendrix Johnson and Khadija Adam
Year 1 -	Dilana Gkourra
Year 2 -	No permission
Year 3 -	Adrian Mdaya
Year 4 -	Vincenzina Gravano
Year 5 -	Leo Gravano
Year 6 -	Louie Nocilla



SHARP system

We have recently become a part of SHARP System. The SHARP system allows your child to make an **anonymous report about anything that is troubling them**. This can be personal, for example, they may be having difficulties with schoolwork, friendships or their mental well-being. The SHARP system can also be used for them to share a concern for someone else. The SHARP system can be accessed by following:

<https://sgsmnewman.thesharpsystem.com/admin>

May the Month of Mary

Yesterday, we crowned our statue of Mary. This is a Catholic tradition that takes place during the month of May, which is a month dedicated to Mary. We shared in Mass together, and then processed past our Mary statue laying flowers as we went.



First Holy Communion – Saturday 11th May at 12pm

Our Year 3 children will receive the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday 11th May at 12pm. All are welcome to come along to support the children in this special day.

The Piety Stall in Church carries some lovely religious items and cards to celebrate the very special occasions of first Holy Communion and Confirmation and are available for purchasing on Sunday mornings after Mass and at the First Holy Communion Mass.

Key Stage 1 and 2 SATS

As we enter May, our Key Stage 1 and 2 SATS tests will begin.

Key Stage 1 SATS will take place during the month of May.

Key Stage 2 SATS will take place from Monday 13th May until Thursday 14th May.

I know our children will put in 100% and have prepared well for these tests. Children should be ready to take the tests in their stride. However, if they feeling worried about the tests, please see your child's class teacher to discuss this further.

Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to John

I have loved you just as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know the master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

My command to you is to love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord

John 15:9 - 17

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus's commandment; something that our whole lives as Catholics is built upon. Everything that we do in our lives should be showing that love to one another.

Here at SGSM, we are very good at showing that love. The love I have seen from our community over this last week has been something that I cannot describe, and I can only thank each and every one of you.

The love that we share with those who may not be as fortunate as ourselves amazes me – through our charity fundraising, food bank donations and prayers offered.

This week, take time as a family to reflect on Jesus's commandment 'Love one another'. Are there times when you do not follow this commandment? How can you show love to others?

Year of Prayer

In 2025 we celebrate a Jubilee Year of the Church. To prepare for this special occasion, Pope Francis has dedicated the year of 2024 to the Year of Prayer. Throughout the year, we will be sharing prayers with children, supporting them in prayer and teaching them ways to pray. We would love for you to share in this too. When we share the prayers of the month, say them as a family. Prayers can be simple and said at any time. Prayers can be to ask God for help, to thank God, to ask for forgiveness. They can be for ourselves, our friends, our family, people from around the world.

This year, we will share prayers with you each week that you can say as a family. This week's prayer is Hail Holy Queen, as we are in the month of Mary:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.

To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

*Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.



Diary Dates ...

Monday 6th May – May Day

SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 7th May

9 – 11am Year 3 Inspire day – all welcome to come along, no need to book

Wednesday 8th May

8:50am Nursery book start visit from the library – parents welcome to attend, no need to book

10am Good Shepherd Mass @ Holy Trinity, Newcastle (4 children will represent SGSM)

11 – 12 Year 3 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

6pm Meeting for Year 6 children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and their parents

Thursday 9th May – Ascension Day

9 – 11am Family Learning session – Are you a bucket filler? – Please book via Microsoft Forms

2pm Whole school Mass for Ascension Day – all welcome

Friday 10th May

9am Year 2 class assembly

Saturday 11th May

12pm First Holy Communion

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

Key Stage 2 SATS week

Friday 17th May

9am Year 1 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

Reminders

Family Learning

Our next family learning session is 'Are you a bucket filler?' aimed at Key Stage 2. In the session, children will think about the things that make them happy and how they can fill their happiness bucket. The session will take place on Thursday 9th May from 9 – 11am. If you would like to book a place, please follow the link and book a place. Places are limited to 13 and bookings will close once 13 is reached or at 3:30pm on Tuesday 7th May.

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Uniform reminders

As we enter in to our Summer Term, and hopefully some sunny weather, the summer uniform is as follows:

Girls

Girls are able to wear pink and white gingham (checked) summer dresses.

Boys

Boys are able to wear grey school shorts.

Reminders:

All children must be wearing black shoes (not trainers)

Boys must wear grey socks

Girls must wear white socks or grey tights

Long hair must be tied up with small, plain bobbles and headbands

We have some spare second-hand summer dresses and grey shorts. If you require any of these, please contact the school office and we will do our best to support you.

Careers – we need you!

Our children find out about different careers throughout the year. They do this by watching videos or viewing information online.

We would love for parents to come in and talk to our children about their career, so that we can get a first-hand understanding of what your career is about.

We share all different careers, so whatever your job, you could be really helpful to our children.

If you are able to help with this, please email school on sgsmcp@sgsmnewman.co.uk and we can organise a time for your to come and chat to a group of children.



Bottles

The Birches Head and Northwood volunteer group are asking us as a school to collect 2 litre empty drinks bottles – they are hoping to make poppies in November, but are going to need lots! If you are able to help, a box will be in the Reception area after Easter.



Dinner Money

If your child has a school dinner please ensure payment is made every MONDAY (in advance of receiving school meals for that week).



Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

Mrs. D. Farmer

Principal
